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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 103
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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Towanna Stone on
being chosen 2nd runner-up in the 1997 Miss
USA Pageant.

WHEREAS, It is appropriate that this legislative body should honor those exceptional
people who through their many worthy endeavors are a credit to this State; and

WHEREAS, One such outstanding person is the exceptionally talented, charming,
intelligent and beautiful Towanna Stone, 1997 Miss Tennessee USA, who was chosen 2nd
runner-up in the Miss USA 1997 Pageant; and

WHEREAS, Towanna competed in the Miss USA 1997 Pageant on February 5, 1997 in
Shreveport, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, A native of Morristown, Towanna graduated from MTSU with a Bachelor of
Science degree in Mass Communications; and

WHEREAS, In addition to her successful college career, Towanna still finds time to
study television and radio broadcasting, theatre performance, and entertainment psychology;
and

WHEREAS, Towanna's gift as a motivational speaker is targeted at children and young
adults and allows her to share her belief which has contributed greatly to her success in winning
the coveted 1997 Miss Tennessee USA title:

"Developing confidence, self esteem, and a winning attitude enhances every area of a

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person's life."

WHEREAS, By the force of her example, she is a worthy role model who personifies quality citizenship, moral conviction and spiritual vitality, and who inspires and challenges all who know her to honor and practice the highest ideals of humanity and Christian faith; and

WHEREAS, Towanna is a devout Christian and evinces her strong belief in the Lord through her lifelong membership in the Bethel Baptist Church; and

WHEREAS, Towanna has also distinguished herself by being selected "Young Woman of the Year", "Young Woman of the Year Talent Winner", "Stars of Tomorrow 1st runner-up", "Talent Review Winner"; and the recipient of the "I Dare You Award"; and

WHEREAS, The countless honors that have been conferred upon her and her many other accomplishments aside, Towanna is most appreciative of the love and support she shares with her parents, Rick and Lorine Stone, and her sister, Tiffany; and

WHEREAS, Towanna Stone exemplifies the spirit and dedication that is characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, This General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to honor and commend one of Tennessee's best and brightest young people; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby honor and congratulate Towanna Stone upon being chosen 2nd runner-up in the Miss USA 1997 Pageant and designate March 13, 1997 as "Towanna Stone Day".

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation to Towanna Stone with this final clause omitted from such copy.